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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS MATTERS -- INDIA

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AS CLARIFICATION TO INDIAN DELEGATION.

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2. AT FIRST MEETING OF CUSTOMS MATTERS SUBGROUP, MEMBERS AGREED TO SUBMIT TO SECRETARIAT LISTS OF WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE EXCESSIVE INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES' IMPORT DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS. USG LIST, AS CONTAINED IN MTN/NTM/W/22 WAS EXHAUSTIVE AND DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO LEAD TO DISCUSSION OF THE LARGE VOLUME AND DIVERSE NATURE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED IN IMPORT DOCUMENTS OF MANY COUNTRIES. THE FACT THAT AN INFORMATION REQUIREMENT IS LISTED AS "EXCESSIVE" MEANS THAT THE U.S. CONSIDERED IT UNNECESSARY IN AN IDEAL SYSTEM. LISTING IS NOT NECESSARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT A JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IN THE PRESENT SITUATION TO IMPLEMENT A COUNTRY'S IMPORT SYSTEM. NOR WAS LISTING INTENDED TO BE A REQUEST FOR THAT MODIFICATION OF THE REQUIREMENT.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING PARA. 21, ITEMS 9, 12, AND 16 AND PARA. 22(B)(2) FOLLOWS:

(A) PARA. 21, ITEM 9: ALL EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS ARE RESTRICTED BY GOI AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH AUTHORIZED BANKS. REMITTANCES ARE NORMALLY ALLOWED ONLY AFTER ALL SHIPPING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. (INFORMATION SOURCE: "1975 EXPORTERS ENCYCLOPEDIA," DUN AND BRADSTREET, NEW YORK; "26TH ANNUAL REPORT EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS," INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, WASHINGTON, 1975).

(B) PARA. 21, ITEM 12: COMMERCIAL INVOICES PREPARED FOR THE INDIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE SHOULD INCLUDE THE NUMBER AND DATE OF THE IMPORT LICENSES PERTAINING TO THE IMPORTED GOODS (INFORMATION SOURCE: "1975 EXPORTER ENCYCLOPEDIA," DUN & BRADSTREET, NEW YORK).

(C) PARA. 21, ITEM 16: GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MAY REQUIRE INFORMATION CONCERNING THOSE CASES WHERE GOODS ARE PURCHASED WITH SUPPLIERS' CREDIT (INFORMATION SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND).

(D) PARA. 22(B)(2): NO IMPORT LICENSE TOLERANCES ALLOWED. IN OTHER WORDS, THE QUANTITY AND/OR VALUE OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPORT SHIPMENT MAY NOT EXCEED THAT STATED ON THE INVOICE. PRACTICALLY ALL OTHER COUNTRIES ALLOW IMPORT TOLERANCES OF AT LEAST 2-3 PERCENT IN ORDER TO ACCOUNT FOR DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN AMOUNTS SHOWN ON THE IMPORT LICENSES AND THOSE INCLUDED IN THE ACTUAL SHIPMENT (INFORMATION SOURCE: "CONSULAR AND SHIPPING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED," 67TH EDITION, 4/28/75, PRINTED BY "SHIPPING DIGEST,"

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